



Regional Service Council Minutes Region 8

Meeting Date: Oct. 27, 2006

Meeting Location: Vigo County DCS
30 N. 8th Street
Terre Haute, IN 47803

Council Members Present: Mike Baker, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Glenn Cardwell, Vigo County Director; Susan Lesko, Acting Regional Manager, Region 8; Katie Edington, Parke/Vermillion County Director; Pamela Connelly, Clay/Sullivan Director; Diana Thomson, Clay County FCM.

Council Members Absent: Diana Lancaster, CASA, Clay County; Susan Marcum, Parke County Foster Parent; Hon. Robert Pell, Clay; Hon. P. J. Pierson, Sullivan; Hon. Paulette Stagg, Vigo; Hon. Bruce Stengel, Vermillion; Hon. Sam Swaim, Parke.

Others in Attendance: Nyala Bolen, Friends of Family; Nancy Edgerton, Hamilton Center; Jody Horstman, Hamilton Center; Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey, ISU; Peggy Weber, ISU

<h3>Meeting Minutes</h3>

Meeting Called to Order at: 9:00 A.M.

Susan Lesko welcomed attendees and led the introductions. Minutes were reviewed and no corrections were noted.

Agenda items were discussed as follows.

1. Update the Development of a Strategic Regional Plan

Susan stated that the Strategic Regional Plan continues to be developed and more direction will be forthcoming on what it should encompass. Identifying gaps in services is one part of the plan.

2. Review of County Intervention Plans

The Early Intervention Plan will be a Regional Plan. Discussion was held as to what should be included. Suggestions included adding new services that have come on board since the plan was last written and include areas that counties would like to see addressed, such as more home based services, transportation, and pre and post adoption counseling. Jody stated that HCI has an adoption support group with an average attendance of 15 people. There is also a Collaborative Family Treatment program that uses a Wraparound format that deals with families who have substance abuse issues. Susan asked Jody to invite a representative from these programs to come to the next

meeting and discuss their programs. County Directors will bring their Early Intervention Plan to next month's meeting. .

3. Community Partners Update (Nyala)

Nyala distributed handouts with the mandates for Community Partners. She reviewed the handouts and discussed the makeup of our target population and who would make the referrals to Community Partners. The Council decided that most of the issues discussed should be reviewed by the Governance Board and then presented to the Council for approval. Names submitted for the Governance Board were: Nyala Bolen; Friends of Families; Glenn Cardwell, DCS; Valarie Bailey, VCSC; Mary Yelton, Clay County LEAAP Center and two FCM's from Vigo County to be named. Nyala will contact everyone and a meeting is to be held within the next two weeks.

4. Maternal Health Representative

The representative was unable to attend, but Nyala distributed information from a study by the Indiana State Department of Health that had been conducted by the IU School of Medicine entitled *Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Use by Pregnant Women in Indiana*. The consensus on the Council was that there is a need for drop-in centers that are confidential that provide women with information and assistance.

5. IV-B Coordinator Update (Penny)

Penny was unable to attend. She did contact Susan to report that the new referral form is out and she will be coming to the county offices to download the new form.

6. Sex Offender Program Proposal

Kris Anderson facilitates a sex offender program in Clay County. He sent a proposal for review by the Council. The Council agreed that there is a need in the Region for such a program. It was agreed that Pam Connelly would write the proposal to be funded by Child Welfare Services monies and Susan Lesko will present it. Ninety-five thousand dollars will be requested.

7. Other Issues

Peggy Weber said that the new policy that went into effect on October 19, 2006 affects the learning contracts of the interns. Interns are not allowed to testify unless they are subpoenaed. Fingerprints continue to be an issue. Susan will follow up with M.B. Lippold on who will pay for these. Peggy stated that she appreciates any feedback on the intern program. Susan said that at her November management meeting the intern program's successes and concerns will be discussed. She will relay those to Peggy.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: The next meeting will be held on December 4, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. in the second floor conference room.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.